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MEMORANDUM FOR CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICERS AND  
EMPLOYEES ASSIGNED TO THE OFFICE OF THE  
INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Principal Adviser to the Secretary of Defense for Matters Relating to  
Fraud, Waste, and Abuse

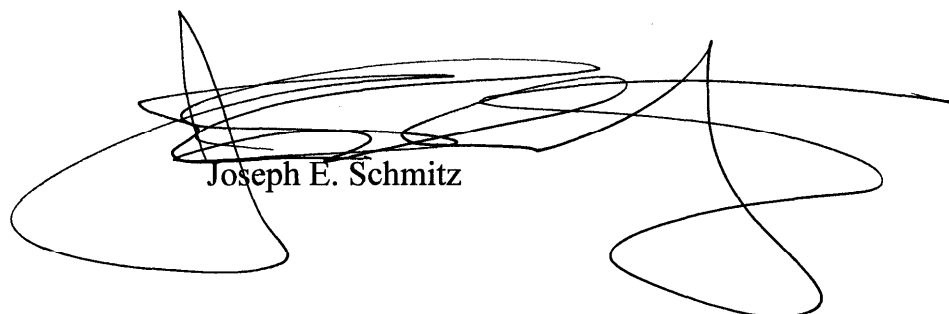
References: (a) Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended  
(b) Inspector General Policy Memorandum of February 10, 2003,  
"Inspector General Act Implementation and Office of Inspector  
General Policy Guidance"

Purpose: This memorandum implements Section 8(c)(1) of Reference (a).

Statutory Duty: Section 8(c)(1) of Reference (a), as implemented generally by  
Reference (b), requires that "[i]n addition to the other duties and responsibilities  
specified in this Act, the Inspector General of the Department of Defense shall . . .  
be the principal adviser to the Secretary of Defense for matters relating to the  
prevention and detection of fraud, waste, and abuse in the programs and operations  
of the Department."

Policy Guidance: It is the policy of this Office of Inspector General to carry out  
the letter and the spirit of the Inspector General's duties under Section 8(c)(1).  
The Inspector General fulfills the "principal adviser" role primarily through  
quarterly and impromptu one-on-one meetings with the Secretary, as well as by  
attending weekly senior staff meetings and forwarding periodic information/action  
memoranda, as required.

Effective Date: This Policy Memorandum is effective immediately.

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